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SUBJECT: SUBADIO SASTROSATOMO, FORMER LEADER OF THE INDONESIAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI)

- 1. AMBASSADOR SOEDJATMOKO HAS ASKED MY HELP IN ARRANGING PROGRAM FOR SUBADIO SASTROSATOMO IN UNITED STATES IN EARLY 1977.
- 2. SUBADIO IS ONE OF FOUNDERS OF INDONESIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER SUTAN SJAHRIR. SUBADIO WAS ARRESTED FOLLOWING JANUARY 1974 RIOTS WHEN INDONESIAN SUSPICIONS CENTERED ON FORMER MEMBERS SOCIALIST PARTY. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AND CHARGES WERE DROPPED.
- 3. HE IS PROCEEDING TO NETHERLANDS SEPT 14 WHERE HE WILL REMAIN UNTIL END OF YEAR TO RESEARCH FOR MEMOIRES. HE THEN WISHES TO PROCEED FOR HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY 1977 HOPING TO VISIT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND HAVE GENERAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM WITH EMPHASIS ON CONGRESS AND EXAMPLES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERMENT. SOEDJATMOKO SAID IT WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED IF HE COULD SOMEHOW ATTEND INAUGURAL.

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5. I EXPLAINED TO SOEDJATMOKO THAT PROGRAMING DURING JANUARY WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND THAT NO COMMITMENT COULD BE MADE FOR ATTENDING THE INAUGURAL. HE UNDERSTOOD.

6. SINCE SUBADIO IS LEAVING SEPT 14, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON HIM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AND INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE PARTIAL GRANT COVERING THREE WEEKS IN U.S. EARLY IN 1977. I BELIEVE GRANT WOULD BE SEEN CLEARLY IN CONTEXT OUR INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA AS WELL AS FURTHERING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH IMPORTANT INTELLECTUAL.

7. NO VISA PROBLEM ANTICIPATED. NEWSOM

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